



We All Belong AmeriCorps* State Program

Hosted by the City of Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office

Vermont's population is becoming more diverse and reflective of a global citizenry. The We All Belong Program works with Burlington area non-profits, schools and city departments to help **create inclusive workplaces** and to offer more culturally competent **services, events and programming** for Burlington's increasingly diverse community. The City of Burlington seeks to address issues of race and gender and economic inequity by making organizational shifts in programs and services. AmeriCorps* State members support these shifts by serving with a participating agency as a full or part-time volunteer.

Position Title: Gardening and Nutrition Education Specialist City of Burlington Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront

Part Time: May 15 – August 31 – 35hrs/week

City of Burlington Department of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront. Position open until filled.

The City of Burlington DPRW Summer Recreation and Nutrition Program operates at three sites in Burlington: The Baird Center, Riverside Apartments and Franklin Square. These sites are all in a census tract where 50% of the youth population is eligible for free and reduced lunches. The sites operate a Summer Meal Program where neighborhood youth can enjoy daily snacks and lunch. Beyond snacks and lunch, children who participate in the program are exposed to a variety of activities and learning experiences that ensure personal growth. As part of the programming, Burlington Parks and Recreation offers opportunities for team building, nutritional education through gardening and cooking, as well as fun activities that facilitate lifelong leisure learning as a positive outlet for high energy children. The site serve approximately 60 children daily across the three sites.

Position Description:

This position will design, plan, and implement garden and nutrition programming for the BPRW Recreation and Nutrition Programs. The overall objective of this work is to help address underling food education and food security issues in a population where more than 50% of youth is eligible for free and reduce lunch through exposing program participants to fun and engaging food related activities.

Key responsibilities will be to:

- **Design** garden and nutrition activities age appropriate for 5-15 year old youth who are likely to be food insecure and / or be eligible for free and reduced lunch
- **Plan** how these activities will be carried out in partnership with program staff at different locations
- **Implement** weekly garden and nutrition activities at the three locations
- **Encourage** collaboration and involvement with parents and family members of program participants, to improve outreach in low income and culturally diverse communities
- **Steward** community garden space that program participants will visit and help maintain

Skills and Qualifications

- **Knowledge** about Burlington's ethnic and cultural diversity is essential
- **Direct:** Experience working with people from diverse backgrounds
- **Creativity and innovation:** ability to see opportunities and develop new approaches for organizing with different groups of staff and children
- **Prior** experience organizing food, nutrition, and gardening activities is necessary
- **Self direction:** ability to take initiative and be self-sufficient in a small organization environment
- **Communications:** skilled in communicating with a variety of age groups and relationship type (children participants, parents, adult staff).
- **Collaborative spirit:** ability to lead and work as an integral part of a team of energetic and committed people
- **Commitment** to a continual learning environment for oneself and teammates

- **Education level:** no specific educational degree is required

Quarter Time AmeriCorps positions are 450 hours of service from May / June to August 2015. Quarter Time benefits include a \$3,259 living allowance and a \$1,493 Education Award, upon successful completion of service. We All Belong AmeriCorps* members join a team of more than 20 other members, each serving in agencies and organizations across the Burlington, VT area.

If you need an accommodation please call 802-865-7144 or for more information on the program see our website:
<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/AmeriCorpsState-Program>

How to Apply

Position open until filled. Please email resume, cover letter, and two references, to weallbelongvt@gmail.com PDF format preferred, Word acceptable.

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